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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JANUARY QUARTERLY LABOR

FEBRUARY 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY for the week of January 11-17, 2004. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Statistician

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 16,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of January 11-17th, 2004, down 11% from October. Average hours worked decreased to 44.9 hours, down 6% from October and 5% less than January 2003. Field worker wage rates increased 52 cents from last January to \$7.44 per hour, while livestock workers saw a decline of 24 cents to \$7.98 per hour. Overall, wage rates for all hired agricultural workers improved to \$8.37 an hour, up 25 cents compared to this time last year.

UNITED STATES: There were 847,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2004, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 667,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers. The number of hours worked averaged 38.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.41 per hour during the January 2004 reference week, up 7 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.39 per hour, up 9 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$8.84 per hour compared with \$8.90 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.55 per hour, was up 5 cents from last year.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., January 2003-2004 ^{1/}

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Jan 12-18 2003	Jan 11-17 2004	Jan 12-18 2003	Jan 11-17 2004	Jan 12-18 2003	Jan 11-17 2004	Jan 12-18 2003	Jan 11-17 2004
Workers on Farms All Hired Workers	20	17	22	16	50	60	729	667
Hours Worked All Hired Workers	39.7	39.7	47.2	44.9	37.9	34.0	37.7	38.1
Wages By Work Type	Dollars Per Hour							
Field	9.15	8.75	6.92	7.44	8.13	7.46	8.30	8.39
Livestock	8.73	8.81	8.22	7.98	8.51	7.97	8.90	8.84
Field & Livestock	8.85	8.80	7.48	7.69	8.29	7.73	8.50	8.55
All Workers	9.66	9.80	8.12	8.37	8.85	8.43	9.34	9.41

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.